

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a drive device in which the stator is butted against the motor case using a lid;

Group II, claims 5-8, drawn to a drive device with dampers; and

Group III, claims 9-12, drawn to a drive device with a shielding member.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-4.

Traversal

The Applicants respectfully submit that a serious burden has not been placed on the Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his restriction and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner persists in his restriction requirement, the Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to claims 5-12 at a later date if they so desire.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,876) at 703-208-4030, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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